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カジノ・売春が合法のその島。
非合法ビジネスが蠢くその檻。
通称"ネオン島"と呼ばれるその舞台で、
繰り広げられるまさに"悪い冗談"の数々。
…幼児性虐者・小玉とゴスロリ忍者・あかり。
2人の間に割って入った
巨乳アサシン・ミノタウロスとの
殺しと恋の三角関係　などなと……。

さあ
今宵も踊ろう殺戮ダンス。

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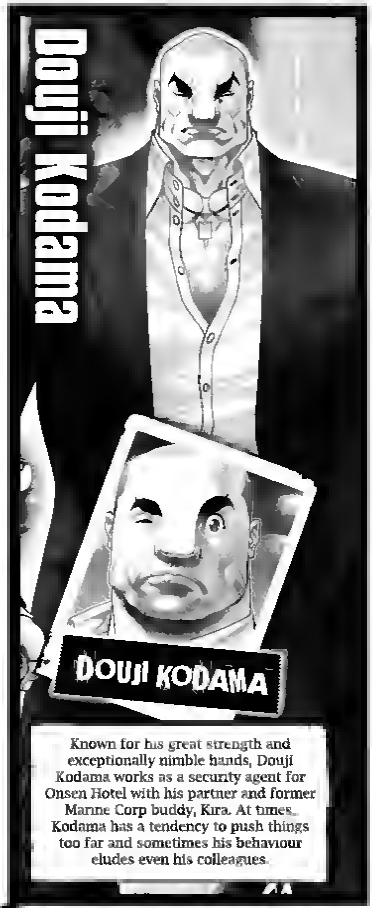
Character introduction:

STORY

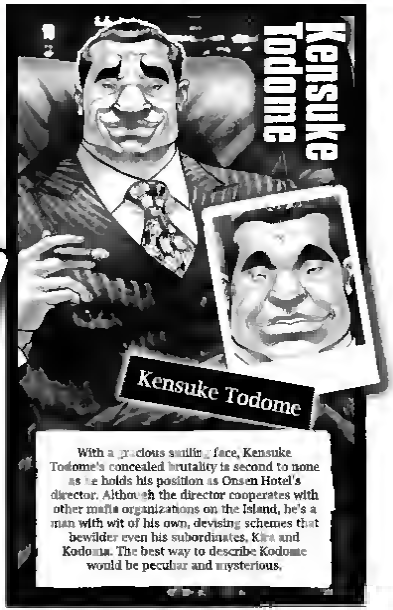
With Japan now being the 51st state of the United States, there is an island that remains a symbol of hope. As a landmass floating in the newest state's Tokyo Bay, Neon Island thrives on prostitution and gambling, allowing it to rapidly become the universal location for gangs and mafias to engage in illegal trafficking.

Well organized and ingenious, Kiyoshi Kira is the manager of Onsen Hotel and a member of Neon Island's only mafia organization. As a former marine he displays great intelligence and works as a negotiation specialist. Often tasked with high risk missions, Kira continues to believe that the end justifies the means. On another note, Kira also has abilities seducing woman and speaking many languages.



Known for his great strength and exceptionally nimble hands, Douji Kodama works as a security agent for Onsen Hotel with his partner and former Marine Corp buddy, Kira. At times, Kodama has a tendency to push things too far and sometimes his behaviour eludes even his colleagues.

Akari Kuroki grew up being trained as an assassin, and now with her ninja-like techniques she works as Todome's bodyguard. With this in mind, hidden under Kuroki's gothic-lolita dress lays an arsenal of weapons that she could use launch a devastating flurry of slaughter. Although reserved in nature, Kuroki tends to be aloof to things but when it comes to Kodoma she becomes just the opposite.



With a gracious smiling face, Kensuke Todome's concealed brutality is second to none as he holds his position as Onsen Hotel's director. Although the director cooperates with other mafia organizations on the Island, he's a man with wit of his own, devising schemes that bewilder even his subordinates, Kira and Kodoma. The best way to describe Kodoma would be peculiar and mysterious.

Runover is a member of the Naples City Mafia which belongs to the Italian Sione family. After being inflicted with paraplegia, Runover got revenge by attacking the man who betrayed him and killed him by using a wheelchair to run over his body. That's how his nickname came to be. But despite being impatient and cruel he is revered by those close to him. Runover also holds pride and aesthetics in high regard and enjoys the handle he's earned.

#14 Director Todome Doesn't Feel at Ease

I thought So...
But honestly, I would love to share!
I have to prevent disclosing information about my private life because if my subordinates found out I would inevitably run into problems
I'm the boss of an important organization and that comes with certain responsibilities.
That it'd be a great idea to tell someone who was going to die.
That way nothing said will leave the room
Vrrg
Eek!
Well, to start off.
I'll show you this photo.

THIS STORY IS THE CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER 5: "PEEING" FROM BLACK JOKE VOLUME 1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO GIVE YOU A BETTER IDEA OF TODOME'S CHARACTER. TO RECAP, THE MAN IN DIRECTOR TODOME'S HANDS IS A POLICEMAN THAT WAS TRYING TO THREATEN ONSEN HOTEL'S REPUTATION. AS A RESULT KODAMA TOOK MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS, LEAVING THE POLICEMAN NEARLY DEAD WITH HIS SPINE BULGING OUT OF HIS FLESH.

That's a good looking man, right?
See?
.....
A DO... DOGDOR ...
A BLEAZE DOGDOR ...
There! Don't be so sad.
eat to your heart's content before the food gets cold!
Aag hh
Mmm!!

Listen carefully What I'm about to tell you now..
is my philosophy and view on things!
That handsome guy in the picture I showed you...
In fact ...
He...
"doesn't exist anymore" in this world.
You know why?
Mmgh ...
Mmgh!

Oh, I know!
I'll walk you through every-thing!

Let's see... How can I best explain this?
.....

ONE DAY, THE MAN FROM THE PICTURE FELL INTO A TRAP SET BY SOME THUGS....

I BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT KIND OF TRAP IT WAS...

THEY TOOK A RANDOM GIRL AS A HOSTAGE AND ASKED HIM TO STEAL SOMETHING FROM A [illegible]
IN EXCHANGE FOR HER LIFE

...Do you really think that I'm gonna bust my balls for a chick I don't even know?

NOOO!!!
Well, if that's the case...
STOP!!

So valiant~ ❤
A hero on an impossible mission to save a girl he didn't know... ❤
He was a true upholder of the law.
He overcame...
Many adversities with his strength and courage...

In the end, he killed the head thug...
and married the charming young girl.
It's a lovely story don't you think?
But you know ...

In reality, things don't end out that way.
Usually, the scenario ends with the man being killed after completing his mission.
As for the girl, she would have been killed long before that. Hahaha.
Yeah it was true; the man was good looking and carried a certain air about him.
If he was an animal, he would have probably been a lion... or a tiger!
But those attributes were also the reason why he stood out easily.

Just like a jungle or a savannah, this world...
is difficult to survive in.
"Standing out" is very dangerous you know...
Because you're bound to make many enemies!
But you already knew that, right inspector? Hahaha...
Ha...
Haa...
Now let's imagine that Kira, the one who trapped you", is the hero of this story. How would things turn out in your opinion?
Alright.
I'll do it.
Clang

*NOTE. READ VOLUME 1, CHAPTER 5 "DEBONING"

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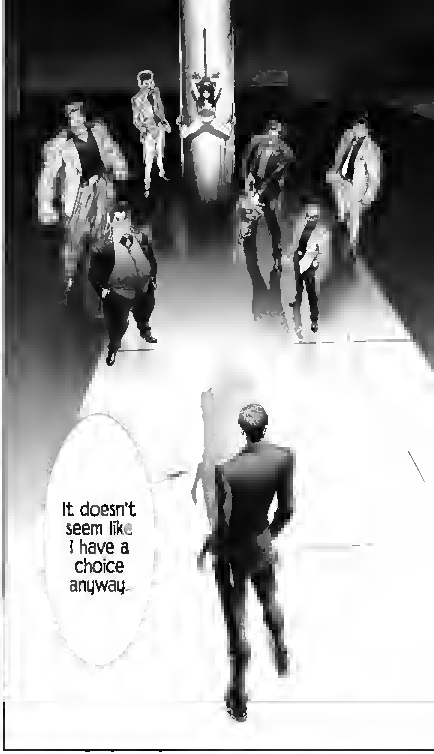
Hehe
he!


It doesn't seem like I have a choice anyway.

But only if I get to do it my way.
'cause your plan's not going to work.
I'll do it...

THIS PUNK THINKS HE CAN SHOW OFF!
YOU BASTARD! WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
Listen guys ...
I'm a softie when it comes to the ladies, it's just part of my personality.
Alright, do it your way.
But if you fail, she's dead
OK♡

The deal's been made.
Rung Rung
!
Oh! It's Kiyoshi calling ♥
Hey ♥

How are you?
Can I see you right now?
Of course ♥
Aren't you tired from work? I'm worried about how you're doing.
Not at all
The most important thing to me right now is having a romantic dinner with you.
If I were given the choice of watching a girl getting slaughtered by a chainsaw I think I'd pass.
That's how I see it happening!
The Ice Cold tactician
KIYOSHI KIRA

You see Kira is heart-less...
He's the type of guy that'd leave the girl to die, haha.
But at the same time, being cold is valuable in our line of work.
Kira's also a little too courteous for my taste.
That makes him stands out to the enemy eyes.
Speaking of gentle-men...
I don't feel at ease with Runover at all...
.....
Oh, ragazza carina (pretty girl)...

What's your name?
...
U..
Usa...
Usa!
That's a pretty name
So, did you make up your mind yet?
Will you be accepting my offer?

Eh?
……?
And disheartened ...
Usa, you must be feeling disappointed
But don't ever give up!
Don't succumb to enemy temptations!
Don't lose your will!
If you manage to overcome your fear of death, you'll be the victorious one
Ah..!
Listen to me carefully..
YOU WANNA DIE?!
EH?! SHUT UP!

Usa..
The Mafioso Gentleman
RUNOVER
Let me be your shield!
Hone-stly.

If she gets shot by a bullet, she's as good as dead.
"Overcome your fear of death", that's easy to say...
He doesn't give a damn about other's situation, and he gets overly passionate with his weird view of things.
That man, Runover...
Ah, by the way ...
Seriously, this guy is so unreasonable.
I'm the strongest
Talking about unreasonable...

What are you going on about?
Eh?!
Listen up.
If you refuse, the girl dies.
?!
??
Eh, but...
What?!

WHAT IS HE DOING?!

The Unstoppable Force
DOUJI KODAMA

The gothic-lolita Assassin
AKARI KUROKI

Just like the proverb "Praise a fool and you will make him useful".*
In any case, each...
Kuroki too! Can you believe this non-sense?
But sometimes this kind of uncontrollable behaviour is invaluable.
They'll probably end up always having enemies on their tail.
But they stick out too much for my taste.
They're all magni-ficent!
Whether the tactician, the brute or the gothic-lolita...
Rather than a lion or a tiger...
I prefer the anglerfish.
Hee Hee...

*T/N: Here, Tadome uses a Japanese proverb "Baka to hasami wa tsukai yo" which literally translates to "Fools and scissors may be put to use" The intent of the proverb is to get across the message that both fools and scissors will work according to how you use them.

The angler fish lives in the depths of the ocean...
Hidden in the dark.
The species rarely comes in contact with enemies and feeds on small fish...
By lighting its lantern!
But be careful, only the females shine their light.
As the male anglerfish are small.
Never mind it doesn't matter

Well?!
!
That's how I would describe myself...
Anyway...
Ugly!
Ugly!
Ugly!
Ugly!
Ugly!
Ugly!
Ugly!
I'll tell you a secret ❤
Well let's finish this in style...
Are you dying?
You can't hold on any longer?
Aaah!
Is...
The handsome man in that photo I showed you earlier.

Anglerfish

Class Fish/bony fish
Order Lophiiformes Family H mantolophidae

The anglerfish lives in temperate to tropical water climates at depths of 800m The fish's lantern shaped dorsal fin emits a bluish-white light, and acts a mechanism to attract and feed on its prey The females of this species tend to measure around 60cm, in contrast the males are a lot smaller, measuring only to 4cm For certain lophiiformes groups such as the anglerfish, males have attach to attach themselves to female bodies in order to form testicles. After acting as a parasite, this reproduction process allows the male lophiiformes to transform into simple spermatozoa sacs that become part of the females

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CHAPTER 15: NAPLES, MY CHERISHED CITY

ナポリ
NAPLES, ITALY

AH!
YOU DIRTY LITTLE THIEF!
GASP-
ING FOR
AIR.

LEGS USED TO TEST THINGS OUT.
WIND BLOWING ACROSS CHEEKS.
WHOEVER KICKS THE BALL PAST THE STATUE WINS!
AH!

PIETRO BIANCHI, MY LIFELONG FRIEND.

NAPLES'
SUNDAYS
FIO-
UUU..

CRACK
CRACK
イキオオ..
SO RUN-OVER
YOU'VE COME BACK TO ITALY
GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK BOSS!

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN SON.
RUNOVER'S FATHER HAS ALSO BEEN LONGING FOR HIS RETURN.
I REMEMBER YOUR LOVE FOR FOOTBALL QUITE WELL!
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET A SEAT.
IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A BIG FOOTBALL MATCH TONIGHT...
YOU CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME, YOU KNOW...
...HM ♥
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FATHER

CHEATAH.
YOU DON'T USUALLY SHOW YOUR EMOTIONS...
BUT YOU SEEM TO BE A BIT NERVOUS TODAY.
!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE! YOU SEEM TO BE IN GREAT SHAPE
PIE-TRO...
FREE

……?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! LEAVE!
…YOU?!

YOU DIRTY LITTLE…

……

MY TEAMMATES ARE SCARED AND THEY NEED TO FOCUS ON THE MATCH
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK I'M ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAFIA

ARE YOU SURE BOSS?
EH?
...LET'S GO
IT DOESN'T MATTER "WHETHER HE WINS OR LOSES"... BECAUSE DIGNITY IS DETERMINED BY "THE ACTION OF PURSUIT" HE TAKES
WHAT?
?
IF HE LOSES THE MATCH, HE'S GONNA REGRET IT.
.....
WHO DOES THIS GUY THINK HE IS?!
A CRAFTSMAN'S JOB IS DIGNIFIED; SHOEMAKERS, CARPENTERS, AND EVEN FARMERS HAVE HONOURABLE JOBS
AND WITH FOOTBALLERS, THERE'S SOMETHING AESTHETICALLY APPEALING ABOUT THEIR GAMES.

THE ACT OF PURSUING THIS BEAUTY..
IS FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN ATTAINING DIGNITY
AND NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH IT.
LET'S BE RESPECTFUL FOR ALL THAT'S BEAUTIFUL

PIE-
TRO!

!
ITALIA
45
0 0
END OF THE FIRST HALF
NAPLES 0 - 0 JUVENTUS
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT TO GET MIXED IN WITH THE MAFIA.
!!
WHA... NO!
ITALIA
YES, I'M CERTAIN OF IT.
I'VE SEEN YOU PLAY SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD...
I KNOW YOUR BALL CONTROL TECHNIQUES BY HEART.
THE MATCH IS FIXED, RIGHT?

!?
THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME...
!!!!
I OWE MONEY TO THE SICILIAN MAFIA...
IT WAS A PREMEDI-TATED TRAP SINCE THE BEGINNING
A LARGE PRIZE POOL IS PLANNED FOR THE LOTTO FOOT..
AND IF MY TEAM DOESN'T LOSE, THEY WILL KILL ME
BUT YOU COULD HELP ME!
YOU'RE QUITE FAMOUS IN THIS CIRCLE, RIGHT?
WHEN WE WERE CHILD-REN..

DO YOU REMEMBER...
THE PLAYER THAT LEAD THE NAPLES TEAM TO VICTORY IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP TWICE?
WE CONSIDERED HIM A GOD.
YEAH, AND HE GUIDED US IN THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL.
BUT HE WAS BANNED IN NAPLES
!
CHEATING, DRUGS, [redacted] SCANDALS...
THE MAN WE KNEW THE MAN WHO WAS A GOD TO US, WAS ATTACKED BY THE MEDIA. HE LOST HIS REPUTATION AND HIS DIGNITY.
.....

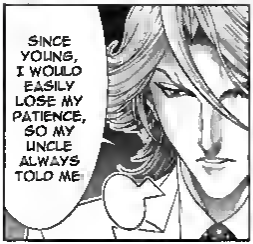
IN FOOTBALL, THERE IS "THE DUEL" AND "THE BEAUTY"..
YOU LOVED THE DUEL AND THE BEAUTY OF THE GAME, BUT RIGHT NOW ALL YOU SEEM TO RECOGNIZE IS ANGER AND GRIEF.
.....

YOU'VE DISHONORED THE GAME OF FOOTBALL...

NO, PLEASE HELP ME!
GOODBYE PIETRO.

AND I'VE LOST ANOTHER GOD TOO BAD FOR ME...

!
SO THESE ARE THE CROOKS...


SINCE YOUNG, I WOULD EASILY LOSE MY PATIENCE, SO MY UNCLE ALWAYS TOLD ME:

YES.

SO IS IT GOOD?

IF I'M STILL TENSE TODAY...
IT'S BECAUSE SOMETHING TRULY UN-FORGIVABLE HAS BEEN DONE
"EAT SOMETHING TASTY, IT WILL APPEASE YOUR ANGER..."

AND I LOVE FOOT-BALL
IT'S NORMAL TO GET ANGRY WHEN SOMETHING YOU LOVE IS INSULTED

SWITCH THAT OFF RIGHT NOW, OLD MAN! THAT MATCH IS RIGGED! THERE'S NO POINT IN WATCHING IT!
BIP!
And there's only a few minutes left before the end of the second half.
It's still 1-1 for both teams
!?
IT'S A DRAW, THANKS TO PIETRO'S GOAL EARLIER!!
GOOD GRIEF, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
Pietro Blanchi just dribbled the ball past five players, one right after the other!
Ooh! It's unbelievable!
But it seems like he's finally warmed up!
He wasn't doing so well at the beginning of the match

An impeccable pass to the left wing!!
OOOH!!
And the ball comes back to Pietro...

Goaa aaaIII!!!

Just before the end of the match! What a turn of events!
The second goal of the game for Naples goes to Pietro Bianchi! What a feat!
.....
わぁぁ!!
HAAA!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM?
AH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
WHA...
!?
HAAA!
HAAA!
HA-HA!
HA-HA!
HA-HA!
HA-HA!
HA-HA!
HA-HA!
HAHA!
HAAA!
HAAA!
HAHA!
HAAA!
HA-HA!

IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM LIKE THIS...
HE'S JUST LAUGHING
ボン
ボン
ボヘ～ン!!
.....

YOU PUNK, YOU DIS-OBEYED US
EH?
PIETRO BIANCHI!
MEN FIGHT TO PROTECT WHAT THEY LOVE
MY FRIEND PIETRO BIANCHI LOVES FOOTBALL AND FOUGHT WITH HONOR.
TO SHOW HIM MY RESPECT, I TOO, WILL FIGHT FOR HIM

THOSE WHO LOVE FOOTBALL LIKE I DO, FOLLOW ME!!

THOSE WHO DISGRACE "BEAUTY"...
DESERVE DEATH!

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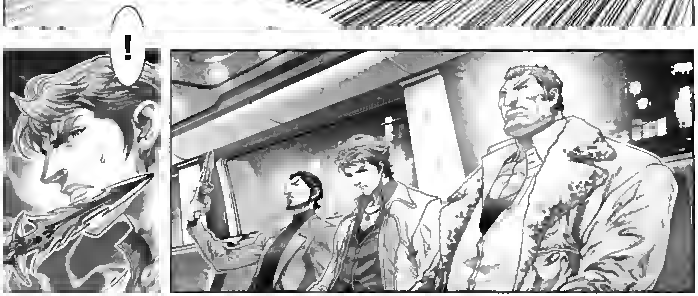
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THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR YOU TO USE THEM NOW.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT ANY-MORE...
NOT THE LEGS PLEASE..
NO.. STOP!

PIETRO, YOU ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD BE FEELING SORRY...
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO WIN A LOT OF MONEY.
!?
IT REALLY PISSES ME OFF, YOU KNOW!
!
BOSS...
ロォォォ...

BUNCHA CROOKS..
!
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU AFTER?
ARE YOU THAT UNDIGNIFIED?!

YOUR SOULS
AND EVEN THE BLOOD FLOWING IN YOUR VEINS
EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU IS ROTTEN !!!

WHO ARE THEY?
THEY MIGHT BE PEOPLE FROM NAPLES' MAFIA...
.....
RUN THEM OVER!

I SWEAR!
TRUST ME..

I'M TELLING YOU.. THIS GUY'S COMPLETELY NUTS.
MUNCH MUNCH

HE LOOKS LIKE ONE OF PIETRO'S CHILDHOOD FRIENDS. BUT...
IS HE REALLY GOING TO START A WAR WITH THE SICILIAN MAFIA JUST TO DEFEND THIS SHIT?!
MUNCH MUNCH

IN ANY CASE..
NOT DOING [illegible] THING ABOUT THIS...
LETTING SUCH A DANGEROUS PERSON RUN WILD ON NEON ISLAND

WILL PROBABLY BE A THREAT TO THE NSA".
CLICK
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY "AN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES"
HM...

HAA!
FRA-
TELLO!!
!!
THEIR CAR
IS AR-
MOURED!
SHIT!
Top
Top
Top
Top

TAP TAP
WHEE
SHIT, MY TIRES!
TAP
CLICK
CLICK

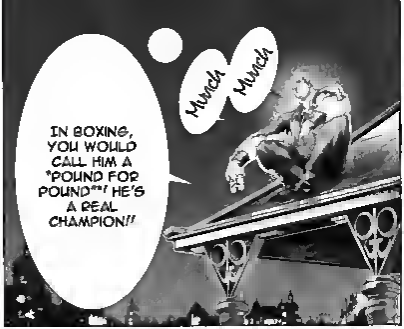
BANG
BANG
BANG

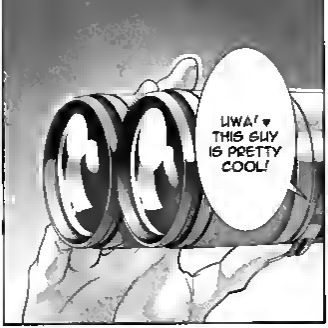
ドーン
ドーン
ドーン

THOSE WHO OUTRAGE BEAUTY—
DESERVE DEATH.

YOU...
YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND... THANK YOU!
DON'T COME NEAR ME..
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAFIA, RIGHT?
YES, BUT...
YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE...
DON'T GET ME WRONG, I DIDN'T SAVE YOU..
I LOVE FOOTBALL, AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY REGRET HAVING OFFENDED THE GAME.
LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY PIETRO...
?

THE NEXT TIME YOU DIRTY MY SPORT...
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU PERSONALLY.
THANK YOU... MY FRIEND





*POUND FOR POUND: A TITLE GIVEN TO A BOXING CHAMPION THAT WINS REGARDLESS OF A WEIGHT DIFFERENCE.

……
PHEW
....
グラリ..
Like that...
YEAH...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE LET OFF STEAM...
OUR BOSS IS THE BEST!
フハーッ..
トローリ..

Stop
SWEET DREAMS BOYS
ニヤニヤ
ニヤニヤ
AND NOW...
LET THE SHOW BEGIN' ♥

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

Munch
Munch
HAHA!
IT FEELS LIKE I CAUGHT A FISH IN A NET!
TELL ME...
RUN-OVER...
OH?
DO YOU KNOW HOW SOMEONE LIKE ME DEFEATS A CHAMPION?

WELL...
YOU JUST NEED TO ATTACK HIM BY SURPRISE WHEN HE HASS DROPPED HIS GUARD...
YOU KNOW, LIKE STRIKING A BOXER AFTER HE'S BEEN IN THE RING FOR TWELVE ROUNDS
IT'S THE MOST OPPOR-TUNE OF MOMENTS TO MAKE A MOVE
HOKU
YOU WEREN'T EXPECT-ING IT, RIGHT?

Hehe
Hehe
Hehe
Hehe
Hehe
Hehe
Hehe
HM?
?
WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?
WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE?
.....
WHAT?

UGH!
!!

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ガブッ
ヒュルルル

IT'S THE BLOOD-SHED.
FOR ME...

HAHA!

La vitta della pazzia!
(THAT'S THE LIFE OF A MAD MAN!)

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CHAPTER 17: AKARI IN ECSTASY

SHE'S SOME-WHERE AROUND HERE!

GRAB

UUH
COME ON GUYS
HURRY UP AND FIND HER!

SHE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND, MADAM!
HAA AA...
OPEN YOUR EYES FOR GOD'S SAKE!
SHE ESCAPED THROUGH THE VENTS FOR SURE.
LISTEN UP GUYS...
DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER LOOKS.
SHE'S A RATHER FORMIDABLE GIRL.

YES?
.....
!
Izzz Izz
ARE YOU ALRIGHT AKARI?
I HEARD SOME SHOTS
WHAT'S GOING ON?
DO YOU HAVE IT WITH YOU?
IF I DION'T HAVE IT, THEY WOULON'T BE AFTER ME!
THEY WERE HOPING TO TAKE THE MONEY AND THE GOODS RIGHT FROM THE START.
THESE DUTCH CROOKS LAID OUT A TRAP.

I'LL SEND YOU BACKUP RIGHT AWAY
CAN YOU HOLD OUT UNTIL WE GET THERE?
KIRA... I DON'T NEED BACKUP
AND THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME, YOU'RE TOO LAME!
.....
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T BE GOING..
KODAMA WILL.

WE SHOULD DO WHAT YOU SUGGESTED
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM FOR ME TO HANDLE ALONE
KIRA, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT AFTER ALL...
OK...
.....
OKAY
VERY WELL. I'LL SEND A HELICOPTER.
IT'LL BE THERE IN TWENTY MINUTES.
KODAMA, I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU.

MISTER KODAMA.
YOU CAN'T MAKE ANY MORE MOVES, IT'S CHECK-MATE
MISTER KODAMA?
HEY, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
.....
UH!!

OH NO! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
KODAMA AAAA...
WHAT?! BUT THAT'S THE THIRD TIME!
WE CAN'T CARRY ON, SO THIS GAME DOESN'T COUNT!
THIS BOARD IS BROKEN...
SO I'LL TAKE YOU THERE BY HELICOPTER! AND OF COURSE, YOU DEAL WITH THE REST.
BUT AKARI IS STUCK IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING...
You're in a bad mood.
I know, I know.

EEEEEH?! NO, THAT'S UNFAIR!
WELL SINCE THAT GAME DIDN'T COUNT, WE CAN PLAY AGAIN WHEN I COME BACK
MISTER KODAMA, YOU'RE A SORE LOSER!
.....

WAAH!
FUCK!

LITTLE BITCH!
!?

FOR GOD'S SAKE!
I TOLD YOU GUYS TO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
WH-AT...?
?
LOOK!
CAN'T YOU SEE SHE PLACED A BOMB THERE?

IT'S AS IF SHE WAS PREVENTING US FROM FALLING INTO HER OWN TRAP.
BUT IT'S STRANGE... IF SHE HADN'T SHOT AT US, THE DAMAGE FROM THE BOMB WOULD'VE BEEN MORE SEVERE
HAAA...
I wonder what this little gothic-lolita is scheming...
ZAKI

IT'S IM-POSSIBLE TO GET A HOLD OF HER.
!
Bzzzz

KIRA... YOU'RE ANNOY-ING...
IF YOU HAD MORE INFO, I WOULD HAVE PRE-FERRED IF YOU HAD GIVEN IT TO ME EARLIER...
HELLO, IT'S KODAMA.

KIRA IS PILOTING THE HELI-COPTER...
SO, WHAT'S THE SIT-UATION?
.....
IT'S YOU, DOJI KODA-MA.
.....
WELL...
OH YEAH?
!
I'M STRUGG-LING ON MY OWN...
THESE CROOKS ARE PRETTY STRONG

I SET THREE TRAPS FOR THEM...
BUT THEY MANAGED TO AVOID THEM ALL.
I'M STRONGER THAN THEM...
.....
YES, KODA-MA...
I THINK SO TOO.

YEAH, I'M THE STRONGEST FOR SURE!
WAIT FOR ME, I'M COMING.
HUM...
WAIT FOR ME.
WAIT FOR ME.
WAIT FOR ME.
.....
OKAY, KODAMA.
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.
CLING
BIP

DOJI KODA-MA..
HE TOLD ME..

HE TOLD ME TO WAIT FOR HIM...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE KODAMA. IT'S THIS BUILDING.
ONE, TWO, THREE...
THERE'S TWELVE OF 'EM IN TOTAL.

KIRA, GET CLOSER TO THE WEST WING OF THE 16TH FLOOR
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING? AH, YOU WANT TO CHECK THEIR NUMBERS?
JUST WHAT...?!
EH?! WAIT...
RIGHT, I'M OFF

EEEEH HHH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

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WH... WHAT'S GOING ON?!

SHIT, I'M OUT OF BULLETS! DAMN IT!

What?
?

HAA...

I just got here. are you safe?
!
!
Yo!

I was waiting for you.
.....
So you 've come to save your princess eh?
Haaa
!
Hmm?
?
?

Ba-dump!
Ba-dump!
Ba-dump!
Ba-dump!
Ba-dump!
This girl must be important to you.
Errr no...
Not at all.
???
?
So no girl has caught your interest then?
Well it does make sense; you're not the glamorous type.
Really? It doesn't make a difference to me, but I usually have good intuition...
Actually!
There is a girl!
!!

!
.....
"Mister Kodama, you can't make any more moves, it's check-mate."
A girl.
.....
That I can't beat at chess. .

Jeez, I'm wrong again.
Well?
What kind of girl is she?
Does she have great body proportions like I do?
?
Yeah
You might be stronger than her...
Ha haa aa...
!

You too, Handsome. You've exceeded my expectations.
You're a bit short, but you look so strong...
You know, I'm called "The Minotaur"...
Have you heard of me?
The Minotaur is a monster from Greek mythology. It has a human body and a head of a beast.
The Minos' queen must have conceived it after meeting a bull.

But of course, that doesn't mean I'm as ugly as a bull!
You must have noticed by now...
But I am...
A very powerful woman can you tell?
!

.....
I'm stronger than you!

Hum ♡
If you lose...
Say...
Would you like...
To be my man?

CHANEL
Considering the length of her legs, she must excel at kicking.
Very well!!
Ha haaa...
I'm gonna knock her off her pedestal!!

I'M SO EXCITED YOU KNOW!

.....
I don't ever want to hear your voice again, bitch.

Ee-hee!

You won't intimidate me, Doji Kodama!
Hmph!
You can glare at me all you want..
A guy like you, lacking in tactfulness...
Might lose his combat instinct
Like that man from the other day.
Hammer Bolt Tanaka!

!?
WHAT...
?!

AH!
STO...

あ
あ
あ

.....
Ba-dump!
Ba-dump!
Ah yeah
I get it now! ☆
.....
?

Your attacks come from the flexibility of your lower limbs
And from the suppleness of your muscles, right?
.....
Yes.
I knew it.

Let's go...
.....
Yes.

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CHAPTER 19: MERIMERI-KUN

WHAT?
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE GIRL YOU PLAY CHESS WITH?
YEAH, SHE'S REALLY TOUGH
BUT OUR MATCH ISN'T OVER YET!
IF I WIN, I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT I'M THE STRONGEST!!
EEEH?!

YOU WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED
YES, YOU'RE THE STRONGEST, KODAMA ♡
バラバラ
……♪
WELL...
……
!
WHAT?!
THERE IS ONE PERSON I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO DEFEAT

Very good. You have my thanks Kira.
YES THERE'S NO PROBLEM BOSS, WE'VE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OUTCHMEN
KIRA!
EH?! AKARI
COULD YOU STOP SNEAKING UP ON ME FROM BEHIND, PLEASE?!
HUH?
?
Stop showing off

KIRA KIYO-SHI...
I'M TELLING YOU...
THAT A SCRAWNY GUY LIKE YOU SHOULD STOP SHOWING OFF!! I'M WARNING YOU!
KIRA KIYOSHI (17 YEARS OLD)
?
WHAT?!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?
WELL, WE WERE JUST THINK-ING...
THAT IT WAS ABOUT TIME THAT YOU AND KODA-MA...
FOUGHT EACH OTHER, SO WE COULD ELECT OUR BOSS!

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO...
'COZ YOU SEE..
WE'RE NOT CAP-ABLE OF DEALING WITH ALL SETS OF PROBLEMS ON OUR OWN

HEY MIYACHI.. YOU SHOULD STUDY MORE, YOU KNOW.
BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, WHO'S THE GOOSE AND WHO'S THE CLAM?
in that case you should have said 'sorts of problems' not sets of problems
WHAT?
?

MIYACHI, WHAT'S THE STORY OF «THE GOOSE AND THE CLAM»?
Err ...
HEY, BUT WAIT!
ANYWAY, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE THE BOSS, MIYACHI!
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF THE GOOSE AND THE CLAM*?

*Reference to the Chinese tale: The Goose and the Clam.

あわ!!
CRUNCH
OH, UM... YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
HOHN.
CHECK IT YOURSELF ON THE NET, WITH YOUR PHONE!
STOP ASKING OTHERS, HACHI-MAYU YOU MORON!
!!
THAT'S WHAT'S WITTEN...
IT'S WHEN TWO PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING AND A THIRD PERSON TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION...

EEEEH?! HE'S CRAZY! MIYACHI COULD NEVER BECOME THE BOSS!
SO I COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND BECOME THE BOSS!
I WANTED TO WEAKEN KODAMA AND KIYOSHI BY MAKING THEM FIGHT.
Eh, why?
THAT KIYOSHI, ALWAYS SO DAMN PERCEPTIVE...
SO I THOUGHT I COULD WEEDO HIM MORE EASILY THAN KODAMA...
KIRA KIYOSHI IS VERY CLEVER, BUT HE AIN'T A GREAT FIGHTER!
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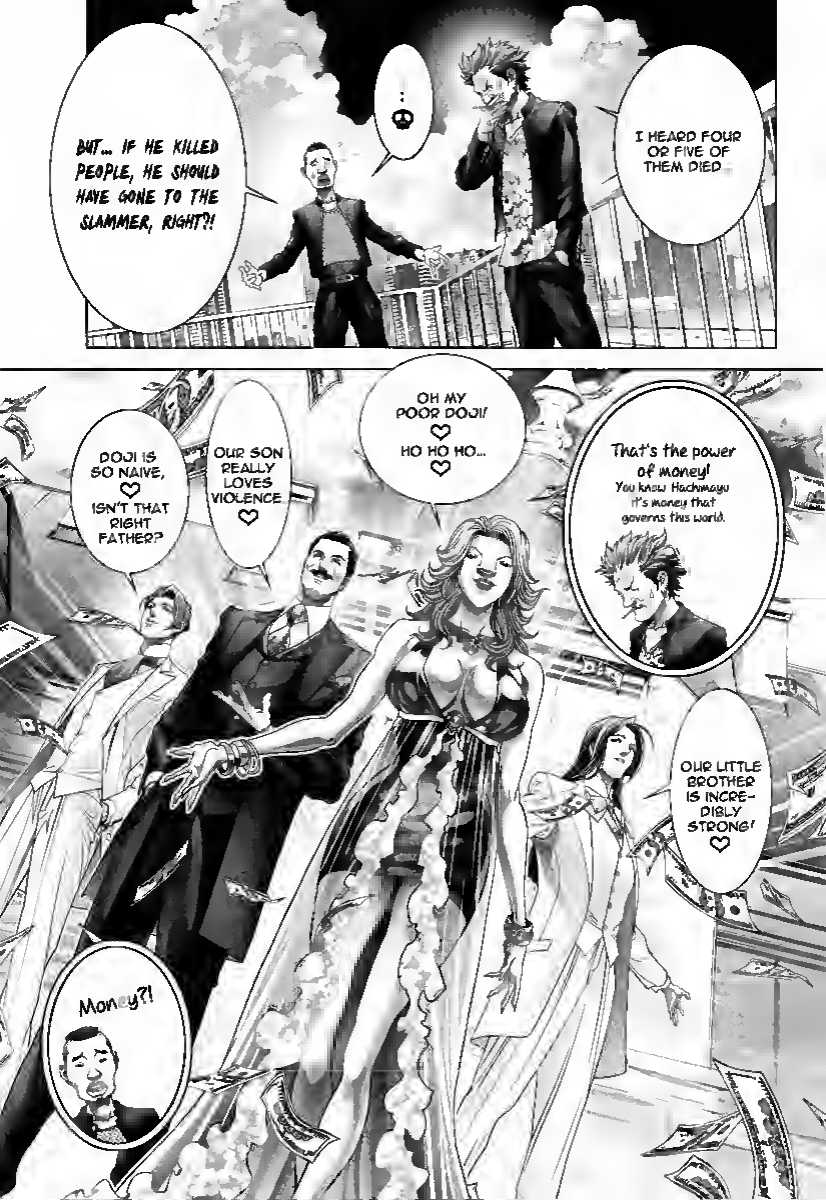
He meant 'wheedle'!
Oh! I know!
Weedo?? What the hell does that mean...

HE EARNS MONEY AND MAKES THE MOST OF HIS LIFE, SO GIRLS GET TOTALLY WEEDOED BY HIM...
PIMPS GIRLS OUT, TOO...
HE ORGANIZES PARTIES, SELLS DRUGS...
"Wheedled ..
BUT, AS A PERSON WHO WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF THE SCHOOL, MY BIGGEST WORRY IS KODAMA...
HE'S BLACK-MAILED HIM INTO FUDGING UP HIS GRADES EVER SINCE THEN!
HE EVEN CAUGHT THE HEAD-MASTER CHEATING ON HIS WIFE...
SO ON, SMILE! ♥
TAp

DOJI KODAMA... HE'S A MONSTER!!
HE'S TOTALLY UNHINGED! NO ONE EVER KNOWS WHAT HE'S THINKING! HE'S REALLY DANGEROUS!
IN HIS SOPHO-MORE YEAR, HE TOOK DOWN A GROUP OF THIRTY SENIORS!


I HEARD FOUR OR FIVE OF THEM DIED
!
BUT... IF HE KILLED PEOPLE, HE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE SLAMMER, RIGHT?!
OH MY POOR DOJI! ♡ HO HO HO... ♡
That's the power of money! You know Hachimaru it's money that governs this world.
DOJI IS SO NAIVE, ♡ ISN'T THAT RIGHT FATHER?
OUR SON REALLY LOVES VIOLENCE ♡
OUR LITTLE BROTHER IS INCREDIBLY STRONG! ♡
Money?!

APPARENTLY, HE COMES FROM A RICH FAMILY
SIR...
FOR BREAKFAST, WE'VE PREPARED A VEGETARIAN TERRINE WITH TOMATO SAUCE
AND STEAMED DUCK, GARNISHED WITH WHITE RADISH
CRUNCH
EEHP BUT IT'S TOO HOT OUT!
YOU NEED TO EAT PROPERLY, ♡ KIRA ♡

!
I WANT TO EAT THAT!
じゅるっ..
NO, SIR!
THIS KIND OF FOOD CONTAINS LOTS OF ADDITIVES...
IT'S VERY BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH!
MMH?
MERI~ MERI... I WANT TO EAT ONE..
じっ
WHY'S HE STARING AT ME?!
ガブ!

WHO IS KIYOSHI?
.....???
KIYOSHI WAS SAYING HE'LL BUMP YOU OFF EASILY...
I'M TELLING YOU...
HE ATE IT ALL...

WE REALLY HAVE NO CLUE WHAT HE'S THINKING OF THIS KODAMA..
EH?
BUT YOU'RE IN THE SAME CLASS...

MERI-MERI!!
!!
メリメリ君
一撃

HE'S THE ONE WHO WAS EATING A MERMERI-KUN DURING LUNCHBREAK!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM?!
SAY, KIRA.
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STOPPED BOTHERING THE HEAD-MASTER, DON'T YOU THINK?
YES?
.....

AH YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HIS AFFAIR?
YES, COULD YOU?
I KNOW YOU INTEND TO LEAK IT TO HIS WIFE AND THE MEDIA.
AH, THE LIFE OF A TEACHER IS SO HARD!
I'M A TEACHER TOO..
YOUR HOME-ROOM TEACHER, ON TOP OF THAT..
EXACTLY, YOU'RE TEACHING ME PROPER-LY YOU KNOW... ♡
!
LITTLE DEVIL! ♡
KIRA, YOU'RE A SMART BOY...
MMH?
YOU SHOULD LIVE DILIGENTLY, YOU COULD LEAD SUCH A PLEASANT LIFE!

WHAT?
WELL... ERRR...
HMM, I SEE... SO, IN YOUR OPINION...
BETWEEN ME AND ALBERT EINSTEIN, WHICH OF US IS THE SMARTEST?
YEAH...
OBVIOUSLY, I CAN'T STACK UP AGAINST THE BRAIN OF THE MAN STICKING OUT HIS TONGUE...
SO MY BEST BET IS TO JOIN FORCES WITH HIM AND MANIPULATE HIM!
THAT IS HOW I PROCEED!
KIRA... HE'S SO ENTICING! ♡
THAT'S HOW I LEAD MY LIFE!

!
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beep

WHICH SLACKER'S CALLING ME AT THIS HOUR?!
DAMNIT, IT'S TWO AM!!
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Duel!
Hello, lovely weather these days.
I'm stronger than you.
I would like to fight you tomorrow, in the school courtyard.
I don't think you'll be able to escape, I'm waiting for you.
EH?
WHAT IS...

WHAT'S UP WITH THIS SMS?!
DID MIYACHI SEND YOU, DOJI KODAMA?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MIYACHI
I WILL FIGHT FOR MERIMERI!!

MERIMER!? WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
!
WELL, I THINK I WON, HA HA!
SORRY I BROUGHT A GUN FOR OUR LITTLE DUEL, BUT WITH THIS HEAT WAVE...
IT'S BEST NOT TO TIRE MYSELF OUT, YOU SEE
GO ON, SHOOT.

I'M FASTER AND STRONGER THAN YOUR LITTLE TOY!!
HEH, WHAT A BLUFF!
CHANEL
RIGHT, I'LL SCARE HIM A BIT
.....
THE HELL, YOU'RE NOT EVEN REACTING?

OH REALLY?!
I ONLY NEED TO TO LOOK AT YOUR FINGER MOVEMENTS, YOU'RE SO SLOW AND LAME!
I KNEW YOU WEREN'T AIMING AT ME...
I'LL SHOOT TO AVOID HIS VITALS!
WELL, I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE...
GRIP

Aa-rgh!
Seri-ously?

!!
ニヤ…
ヒュ!!

SORRY, MAN...
I HAD NO INTENTION...
OF FIGHTING A MONSTER LIKE YOU, YOU KNOW...
!
BUT I MUST ADMIT THAT YOU'RE VERY STRONG, KODAMA
THAT'S WHY I'M SUGGESTING THAT YOU BECOME MY PARTNER
YOU DO THE JOBS I TELL YOU TO DO, AND YOU'LL GET TO FIGHT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE...
WITHOUT FALLING INTO TRAPS LIKE THIS ONE!
IN ANY CASE, I WON THIS DUEL, HA HA!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT KODAMA?
JUST IMAGINE IF I'D PUT SPIKES AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS HOLE, EH?
NO, I WILL BEAT YOU!
Eeeeh ?!
HOW ARE YOU GONNA DO THAT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THAT HOLE?
?

Eeh?
?
WHA AAT?!
HOLD ON, WAI...
BOOM

IN-
IN-
CRED-
IBLE!
THIS
GUY'S
REALLY
SUPER-
HUMAN!
BUT

whoosh
HE DOESN'T LOOK VERY SMART THAT'S A SHAME, HAHA..
SAY, KODAMA
!?
Meeeriii Meeeriii...
Meeeriii Meeeriii...
I WANT SOME!
YES...
I REMEMBER, YOU WERE DEVOURING IT WITH YOUR EYES...
YOU WANT SOME?
THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, RIGHT?

NO
THERE!
SO...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MY PARTNER, DOJI KODAMA?
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YES I'D LIKE TO
I FEEL LIKE I'M TAMING HIM!

BY THE WAY...
YOU KNOW, THERE ARE OTHER MERI-MERI-KUN FLAVOURS!
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
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YES ♡
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